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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4713

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 4889

PARIS FOR HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CITIBANK OFFICIAL DEPARTS FOR HANOI

1. EDWARD G. HARSHFIELD, SENIOR CITIBANK OFFICIAL IN HONG KONG CALLED ON ME TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM THE VIETNAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO VISIT VIETNAM AND THAT HE WOULD DEPART FOR HANOI TODAY (MAY 2). HARSHFIELD SAID THAT HE HAD INDICATED IN HIS COMMUNICATIONS WITH HANOI THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON PHAM VAN DONG AND SENIOR SRV ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, BANKING AND OIL OFFICIALS AS WELL AS VISIT SAIGON. THE VIETNAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADVISED HARSHFIELD TO COME AT THIS TIME WHICH HE INTERPRETS AS VIETNAMESE AGREEMENT TO HIS PROGRAM, INCLUDING CALL ON DONG. HARSHFIELD WILL BE TRAVELLING VIA BANGKOK AND RANGOON TO HANOI AND RETURNING ABOUT MAY 12 VIA VIENTIANE. HE WILL BE ACCOMPAINED BY HIS SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST, V. K. RANGANATHAN, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IN SRV FOR
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2. WE PROVIDED HARSHFIELD WITH GENERAL BACKGROUND DATA ON VIETNAM AS WELL AS A TRANSCRIPT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S APRIL 28 BRIEFING ON U.S. - VIETNAM RELATIONS. HARSHFIELD PROMISED TO BRIEF US ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE AND GENERAL ATMOSPHERE IN VIETNAM.

3. COMMENT: TIMING OF THIS LONG DORMANT INVITATION
IS SIGNIFICANT, COINCIDING AS IT DOES WITH THE PARIS
TALKS. SVR COULD BE TRYING TO STIMULATE PRESSURES
FROM AMERICAN BUSINESS FOR QUICK NORMALIZATION.
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